

Answer to Question 7

Carrier PB Telco Inc. ("Carrier PB" or "Applicant") does not have a Section 214 authorization because the Applicant has no retail end user customers. The Applicant is not a "common carrier" pursuant to Section 153(10) of the Communications Act of 1934 ("Act"), and therefore is not required to obtain an authorization under Section 214(a) of the Act, which applies to "carriers." *See* 47 U.S.C. §§ 153(10), 214(a). The Applicant's customers are limited to other carriers which purchase switched routes from the Applicant. The Applicant, in turn, purchases the routes from other carriers.

Although the Applicant does not have a Section 214 authorization, an International Signalling Point Code ("ISPC") is necessary for the Applicant's business because it will allow Carrier PB to use SS7 services to receive more information about its network and run more effective testing. Many prospective customers will not place orders until the Applicant has an ISPC and can offer SS7 services. Although the Applicant is not a common carrier offering services as such, it carries a large amount of traffic for its carrier customers. The Applicant currently carries about 15 million minutes of traffic per month and projects to carry 20 million minutes next month.

The Applicant's switch that will use the ISPC is estimated to be implemented on May 31, 2006. In addition, the Applicant will begin implementing SS7 service as soon as an ISPC is provided and begin using the ISPC soon after. Carrier PB is seeking an ISPC to use it as soon as possible.